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MEDCO'S AL SMITH NAMED CHAIRMAN OF UNIQUE GROUP



MEDCO's Al Smith, recently-named chairman of the Southern Oregon Cooperative Fire Protection Committee, applies rooftop identification number to MEDCO truck to provide instant aerial identification during forest fires or other emergencies.

MEDCO's Al Smith was recently named chairman of the Southern Oregon Cooperative Fire Protection Committee, a unique group composed of private and governmental firms and agencies who have banded together for more efficient forest protection. Smith also heads the Southern Oregon Timber Industries Association fire committee.

Under the new program, vehicle rooftop identification numbers specify-

ing radio code and call numbers will be applied to all vehicles operating in Southern Oregon woods regions so that they may be easily spotted from the air in case of fire and other emergencies.

The vehicle marking will consist of three numbers—two identifying the vehicle's radio call number, one identifying the network code number. About 360 of the numbers—16 x 24-inch adhesive-backed vinyl plastic, with white numbers on a black background—will be applied to Jackson and Josephine County units this year, including the Southwest District of the State Forestry Department, Rogue River National Forest, Siskiyou National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Central Point Rural Fire Department, and members of the Southern Oregon

Timber Industries Association units.

The positive identification will help aerial observers guide crews to fires more quickly, inform the observer who is available in a given area, and aid in actual fire-fighting operations.

Code numbers, identifying the separate radio networks will be: (1) Roxy—industry; (2) State Forestry Department; (3) Elk Lumber Company; (4) Sexton—industry; (5) Bureau of Land Management; (6) Siskiyou National Forest; (7) Rogue River National Forest; (8) Central Point Rural Fire Department.

In addition to providing identification from the air and associated air-to-ground communication during fires, the system will provide for easy recognition of woods workers who may be stranded in the woods due to emergencies.

While marking vehicles to permit identification by aerial observers is not a new idea, the plan for a coordinated system involving all fire protection agencies and the forest industry is the only one of its kind in the West, if not in the nation: another "first" for a proud tradition of cooperation between private industry and governmental agencies in southern Oregon—with MEDCO's Al Smith at the helm!

The first week of vacation will begin at the end of the shifts on Friday, July 1, and re-open normal production schedules Monday, July 11. As usual, some employees will be required to handle necessary work during this time. Please check with your supervisor if you have any questions. Notices will be posted on departmental bulletin boards.



**By Ed Nave
Sales Manager**

Market conditions on both lumber and plywood are on a slow-bell basis, due to the so-called "tight money" with lending agencies not making long-term loans, such as home mortgages. Because money is tight on home mortgages, home construction starts all across the United States are coming to a standstill. We feel that the coming months will find one of the slowest selling periods that the lumber industry has had for a long time.

Industrial items, such as pallets, stock for millwork specialties and mobile home industries are still fairly active. During times like this, MEDCO's tradition of service is our best sales tool—we can fill customers' orders exactly, ship on schedule, and ship MEDCO QUALITY merchandise!

new arrivals

Glenda and Larry Root welcomed a daughter, 6 lbs., 7 oz. on May 24.

A new addition to **Dorene and Jim Johnson's** family was their daughter born on May 24, weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz.

A boy was born to **Don and Carol Gay** on June 4. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. upon arrival.

Judy and Gary Sahlberg are proud parents of a son who weighed in at 6 lbs., 11 oz. when he was born June 8.

Congratulations to all of you new parents!

31 Cards Awarded for MEDCO-ARC Sessions

Twenty-seven safety-minded persons—among them 24 MEDCO-ites, completed the Standard Red Cross First Aid Course, and four MEDCO-ites won Advanced cards from MEDCO-sponsored classes held recently at the Butte Falls Community Center. Leroy Williams, American Red Cross Certified First Aid Instructor from the Medford Fire Department conducted the sessions.

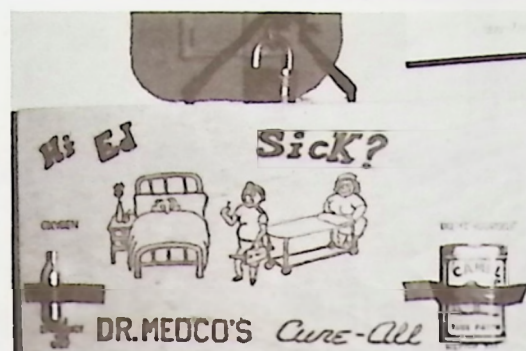
Another Red Cross First Aid Class will be held later on in the year, probably next fall, so watch your bulletin boards and News & Views for the announcement.

Those receiving Standard Cards were: **Orbra Abbott, Donald C. Baker, Warren K. Brown, Charles A. Capello, Charles' son John and wife Ruth Capello, Leland L. Coffman, Michael L. Cole, Virgil Conley, Gilbert M. Debusk, Donald Dillard and his wife Francis, Allen C. Smith, Robert E. Driskell, Butte Falls minister John Duckworth, Bill A. Earls, Jerry Ferguson, Forest Service wife Naomi Hughes, Leslie Hunsaker, William M. Lytle, Dale Mecum, Daniel O. McKeen, James Moore, Willfred L. Moore, Forester Merlin D. Schweb and LeRoy Thompson and his wife Nancy.**

Receiving Advanced cards were: **Sherley J. Hatcher, Fred O. Rambo, C. T. Stanton and J. H. Wright.**

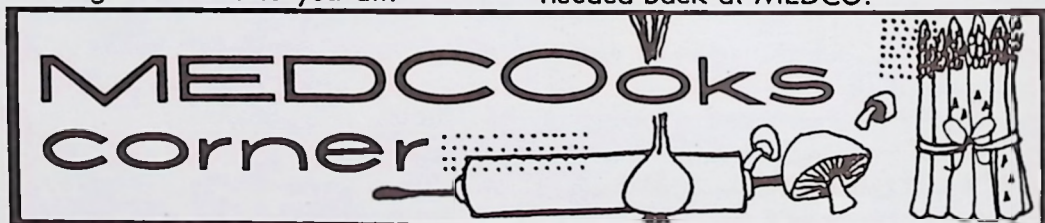
Congratulations to you all!

come back soon



Ed Musgrave, supervisor, planing and shipping, is a patient at Ashland Community Hospital. In an effort to cheer Ed up, **A. C. "Bus" Smith**, yard and transportation supervisor and his son, Neil, bunk spotter, and industrial arts student, sawed, end-stamped and sanded the above plaque, providing Ed with a Dr. MEDCO do-it-yourself Cure-All kit which includes an "oxygen" tank (from Ed Nave's propane lighter) and a tube of tire patches to patch him up in a hurry. Within a few hours of completion 139 names had been signed on the back.

We hear that **Olva Fahlen** of the bookkeeping department is taking a month off to spend with "Ole" while he recuperates. "Ole," lumber grader from the lumber shipping department, has been recuperating from a recent operation. Get well soon, "Ole," you're needed back at MEDCO!



Fresh fruit recipes we called for, and we got some good ones! Perhaps the most unique came from **Mrs. W. H. Gates.**

Mrs. Gates' Watermelon Fruit Dessert

Cut one watermelon in half. Scoop melon out in round balls. Cut one cantaloupe into round balls also. Use as many other in-season fruits as you wish: strawberries, apples, pitted cherries, raspberries, blackberries, etc. Pour one large can of frozen lemonade concentrate over the fruit, return to the watermelon shell and chill before

serving.

We're sure this is a recipe you'll enjoy serving often over the summer months!

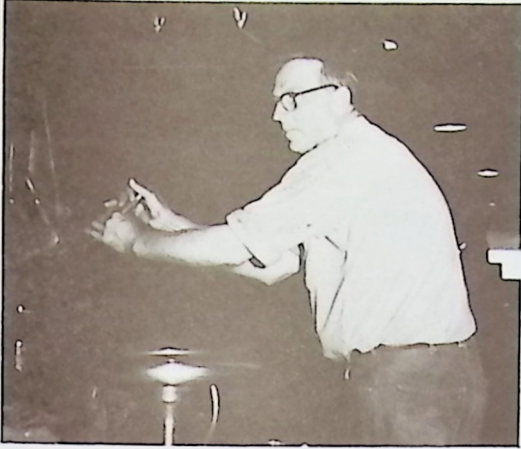
For July's MEDCOok of the Month Contest, we'll be trying "hot-weather specials"—if you have a recipe that's especially good on hot days, or especially easy or cool to fix on a hot day, please send it along before July 8 to MEDCOok Contest, P.O. Box 545, Medford. The winner will receive a \$1.00 check to help out with vacation expenses!

Sooper Snooper asks

"What do you think is the one most important bit of advice that you could give to a recent high school graduate?"

Sooper Snooper rides again . . . this time out to the Sawmill, where the temperature was very warm!

This month's question was **"What do you think is the one most important bit of advice that you could give to a recent high school graduate?"** And here are the answers:



J. L. MARTIN, Gang Sawyer: "I would tell them to get out and make something worthwhile out of their lives. Their parents have taught them right and wrong and made sure of their education to this point. The rest is up to them."



HAROLD HOLLOWAY, Re-Sawyer



LEWIS VANCE, Millwright

HAROLD HOLLOWAY, Re-Sawyer: "Stay in there and go on to college. You need an education nowadays."

LEWIS VANCE, Millwright: "Listen to and get a helping hand in life from the older people who have had the experiences and can help."



ED JOANIS, Saw Filing: "I think I'd tell him not to settle for a 'job'

right now, but to go to college to get more education. 'Jobs' look like big money right now, but with a college education, they'll be making what we're making real soon."



CHUCK LEARN, Clean-Up, Sawmill: "I'd tell them to get to college—by hook or crook—but get an education!"

Killingsworth and Lay Observe U.C. at Work

Early in May, **Joe Killingsworth**, debarker, and **Roy Lay**, planing mill, had the opportunity to see how United Crusade monies are really spent, when, as guests of MEDCO, they joined 17 other valley residents including a high school student also sponsored by MEDCO on a field-trip to Portland.

As part of the Jackson County team, **Joe** and **Roy** visited Crusade-sponsored child-care agencies including the Waverly Baby Home, Albertina Kerr Homes, Our Lady of Providence Nursery, St. Mary's Home for Boys, Villa Saint Rose and Volunteers of America.

We can all be proud of the fine contributions MEDCO-ites have made to the United Crusade over the past years, and as Duane Malone, executive secretary of the United Crusade of Jackson County Inc. said, **"Until you have the chance to see the problems confronting child-care agencies, you just have no conception of how big the problem really is."**

"We are lucky to have such wonderful supporters as **Joe** and **Roy** visit the agencies and report back to their

friends and co-workers," Malone concluded.

Jack Payne Retires



Jack Payne, after 37 years at MEDCO, has retired.

In a spontaneous ceremony after work on Wednesday, June 1, **Jack** was presented with a Polaroid Camera from all of his friends and co-workers in the Sawmill.

Jack said "It was the nicest thing they could have possibly done." And, by the look in **Jack's** eye, he meant it. He and his wife Irene plan to travel a bit this fall, "after it cools off," and to visit friends and relatives in Ontario, Canada.

Bowling League Standings Roll to Close



LEAGUE SWEEPER - First: **Larry Godley**, 639; Second: **Steve Lako**, 623; Third: **Elvin Wolgamott**, 603.



LEAGUE TROPHIES - High Series Handicap: **Larry Godley**, 676 (580 + 96); High Game Scratch: **Clarence Hershiser**, 262; High Game Handicap: **Eldon Vinson**, 266 (253 + 13); High Average and High Series Scratch: **Bud Tungate**, 185 and 669, respectively.

SECOND PLACE - ODDS & ENDS: (right middle) **Moe Atterbury**, **Virgil Conley**, **Bill Harris**, **Bob Plankenhorn**, and yes, that's **Sherley Hatcher** looking mean!

THIRD PLACE - STUMP JUMPERS: (right) **Bruce Pringle**, **Don Baker**, **Merritt J. Tungate**, **John Tungate** (High Series: 983), and **Bud Tungate**.

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FIRST PLACE - SCRATCH PADS: **Joe Clark**, **Ken Pickens** (High Game: 224), **Al Smith**, **Eldon Vinson** and **Gus Priebe**.

